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MEMORANDUM FOR: Director of Central Intelligence
Deputy Director of Central Intelligence

FROM: Harold P. Ford
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SUBJECT: Text for Briefing of the PFIAB

1. Attached please find a draft text of prime world developments, for your meeting Wednesday, 11 January, with the PFIAB.

2. As in recent such texts, we have confined this one to the most demanding areas of attention at present: in this instance, the middle East, arms control, and the Soviet leadership; with brief additional mention of certain developments in Africa and Latin America. We have also had accompanying briefing boards prepared for you on Lebanon, INF deployments, and the Soviet Politburo.

3. This text was prepared by [redacted] of the NIC's Analytic Group, and has been checked with DDI officers and the NIOs. SOVA and NIC officers disagree somewhat on Andropov. [redacted] and I are less certain and less sanguine about the strength of Andropov's political position than the view SOVA holds and has taken in recent publications. Bob Gates, however, has formulated a presentation of this question in the attached draft (pp. 7-9) which for purposes of the PFIAB briefing bridges these differences. In any event, there is no difference between SOVA and NIC on the likely character of Soviet behavior in coming weeks.

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Attachment:
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